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The House met at 3 p.m.

The Reverend Sara A. Gausmann, St. Paul Lutheran Church, York, Pennsylvania, offered the following prayer:

Gracious God of light and peace, we praise You for the way You have blessed our Nation with a bounty of resources and talents. Enlighten us this day with a measure of Your wisdom, that we would use the gifts You have given us for the good of all. Where there is confusion, give us clarity of thought; where there is danger, cause us to walk carefully; and where there is injustice, help us to work diligently to eliminate it.

Empower our Nation to continue to be a beacon of hope for the cause of freedom. Bless our President and Congress and all our leaders, that we might be guided by Your precepts and comforted by Your grace. May the work undertaken in this place today be pleasing in Your sight and directed by Your will, for You live and reign as God forever and ever. Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Texas (Mr. LAMPSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. LAMPSON led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON TODAY

Mr. HEFLEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with today.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MILLER of Florida). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Colorado?

There was no objection.

### URGING COLLEAGUES TO SUPPORT NATIONAL AMBER ALERT NETWORK ACT

(Mr. LAMPSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge my colleagues to support the National Amber Alert Network Act. As founder and chairman of the Congressional Missing and Exploited Children's Caucus I am an original cosponsor, along with the gentlewoman from Washington (Ms. DUNN) and the gentleman from Texas (Mr. FROST), in this commonsense, bipartisan legislation.

Similar legislation passed last year in the House and in the Senate in separate bills, but the 107th Congress ended before the final decisions were made. However, in October of 2002, President Bush endorsed the program and signed an executive order that set in place many of the provisions of the legislation. He also pledged \$10 million for Amber Plan training and equipment upgrades, but still urges Congress to pass the bill.

Mr. Speaker, I urge Members to please bring this bill to the floor quickly and pass it. It is crucial to providing every community with the resources needed to set up the Amber Alert and to improving the effectiveness of existing Amber Plans. The Senate passed it last month. It is our duty to do so as quickly as possible.

### HONORING PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN ON HIS 92ND BIRTHDAY

(Mr. LINDER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, tomorrow is the 92nd birthday of the 40th President of the United States, President Ronald Reagan. He is the only political idol I have ever had. He came to the presidency knowing who he was, what he wanted to do, and he did it.

There is a wonderful story that then Governor Reagan told by his aide, Michael Deaver, who was walking in 1978 down the street in Manhattan.

A fellow inched up to him and wanted to say hello, and Governor Reagan said hello. The gentleman said, may I have your autograph, Mr. Milland? And Reagan kindly wrote "Ray Milland," and walked on. And Deaver said, why didn't you tell him who you were? He said, I know who I am. He wanted to meet Ray Milland.

I am always heartened knowing somebody has come into office knowing who they are. I am as comfortable with President Bush, who knows who he is and what he wants. That is good for our Nation and good for the soul.

### AMERICA SHOULD GAIN SUPPORT OF UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNSEL BEFORE ATTACK ON IRAQ

(Mr. BROWN of Ohio asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, Secretary Powell's address today reiterated that Saddam Hussein is an evil dictator, but he did not explain how a preemptive war is in the best interests of the American people. Will a preemptive attack on Iraq without United Nations support make America safer? How will attacking Iraq prevent the

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